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1. MEDIA CONTINUE DRUM-BEAT ON REPORTED MISTREATMENT THREE MEXICAN WORKERS IN VICINITY DOUGLAS, ARIZONA. COMMENTS EMPHASIZE IRRATIONALITY OF CONDUCT AMERICAN PERPETRATORS, AND INTERIOR MINISTER MOYA'S CHARACTERIZATION OF TREATMENT AS "RACIAL SADISM" IS GIVEN HEAVY PLAY. (MOYA'S STATEMENT, MADE AT PUBLIC CEREMONY IN PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, CONTINUED ON WITH CRITICISM OF CERTAIN US NEWSPAPERS AND PRESS SERVICES FOR MALIGNING MEXICAN IMAGE BY CHARGING VIOLATIONS OF PRESS FREEDOM, CRITICIZING ECONOMY, AND PORTRAYING MEXICO AS HEADED FOR TOTALITARIAN EXTREMISM.)

2. PAPERS REPORTED AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS THAT HE IS CONFIDENT JUSTICE WILL BE DONE IN CASE OF WORKERS, REFERRING TO WORLD-WIDE TENDENCY TOWARD VIOLENCE, AND MAKING POINT THAT ACTS WERE NOT THOSE OF US OFFICIALS.

3. ALTHOUGH COMMENT CONTINUES TO BE PRINCIPALLY IN ANGRY OR LAMENTING TONE, SEVERAL EDITORIALS HAVE POINTED OUT SUCH INCIDENTS AS THAT AT DOUGLAS ARE BOUND TO OCCUR

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AS LONG AS MEXICO IS NOT IN AN ECONOMIC POSITION TO

SUPPLY JOBS FOR ITS OWN POPULATION.

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